A statement from the Director of Schools, Mr Peter Turner

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2015 HSC ACHIEVEMENTS

The Director of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, Mr Peter Turner, congratulates all Year 12 students who completed this year’s Higher School Certificate. A total of 923 students from the seven systemic schools in the Diocese across the Macarthur, Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions presented for this year’s HSC across 63 Board Developed and VET Courses. Many students were also enrolled in 25 Content Endorsed and TAFE-based courses.

“As a Diocese, we celebrate the achievements of our students. In 2015, the Diocese has once again achieved pleasing numbers in the Distinguished Achievers list. Significantly, there were 1416 combined results for the top two performance bands and the majority of courses performed above state mean” said Mr Turner. “Our students have achieved excellent academic results, reflective of their commitment to learning and the support provided by their teachers and families. There are many individual students who have achieved outstanding performance growth and success. We are proud of all our students, and considering that none of our schools are selective in nature, these achievements are all the more meritorious.”

Congratulations to the students who have achieved placement on the Top Achievers in Course list. Top Achievers in Course students are those who are in the top places in each course and have also achieved a top band result. Congratulations to the following students:

2nd in Food Technology: Samantha Coupe – Magdalene Catholic High School, Narellan
3rd in English Extension 2: Rainier Reyes – Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville
6th in Senior Science: Lauren Byatt – John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow
8th in Society and Culture: Nicola Brown – Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville
13th in PDHPE: Caitlin Fitzgerald – Magdalene Catholic High School, Narellan
17th in English Standard: Nathalie Kelibitaka – Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville
20th in English Standard: Susie Seitaridis – St Joseph’s Catholic High School, Albion Park

Our Diocesan schools continue to offer students a broad range of courses including a wide range of nationally-accredited vocational education courses as well as providing for student learning needs offering 13 Life Skills courses.

Mr Turner emphasised that Catholic schools are places of authentic learning enabling students to find both meaning and purpose in their life through the integration of faith and culture, and provide every opportunity in life to assist them to continually grow in faith and improve in learning.

Mr Turner wished every 2015 HSC student all the very best as they embark on the next phase of their journey beyond the school gates. “As a system of schools, we are confident we have helped form young adults who will continue to experience success and make a difference to their community.”

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